

AMENDMENT

Please amend Claim 28 as follows:

~~24~~ 28. (Amended) A cordless power tool comprising a battery, the power tool comprising:

(a) a battery receiving portion, integral with the power tool;

(b) an attachment portion, integral with the battery, that attaches to the battery portion; and

(c) a closure member for securing the attachment portion to the battery receiving portion, the closure member having a push button on a first end and an opposing second end, wherein depressing the push button inward relative to the battery receiving portion permits the attachment portion to be released from the battery receiving portion,

wherein when the push button is depressed the second end of the closure member protrudes from the battery receiving portion.

Please cancel Claim ~~29~~.

Please amend Claims 30 and 31 as follows:

~~25~~ 30. (Amended) The power tool of claim ~~28~~, wherein when the push button is not depressed, the second end of the closure member does not protrude from the battery receiving portion.

~~26~~ 31. (Amended) The power tool of Claim ~~28~~, wherein a locking finger is located proximate the second end of the closure member.

Please add new Claims 36-62 as follows:

31/36. (New) The power tool of Claim 28, wherein the first end is wider than the second end.

32/37. (New) The power tool of Claim 28, wherein the closure member has a unitary body.

33/38. (New) The power tool of Claim 28, wherein the battery has an axis of major extension which is substantially parallel to an axis of major extension of a handle of the power tool.

34/39. (New) The power tool of Claim 28, wherein the power tool has an accessory.

35/40. (New) The power tool of Claim 39, wherein the accessory is a driver.

36/41. (New) The power tool of Claim 39, wherein the accessory is a drill bit.

37/42. (New) The power tool of Claim 28, wherein the battery is a rechargeable battery.

38/43. (New) The power tool of Claim 28, wherein the power tool is a cordless power tool.

39/44. (New) The power tool of Claim 28, wherein the battery is one of the group consisting of a 12 volt battery, a 14.4 volt battery, and a 19.2 volt battery.

40/45. (New) A cordless power tool comprising a battery, the power tool comprising:  
(a) a battery receiving portion, integral with the power tool;  
(b) an attachment portion, integral with the battery, that attaches to the battery portion; and

(c) a closure member for securing the attachment portion to the battery receiving portion, the closure member having a push button on a first end and an opposing second end, wherein depressing the push button inward relative to the battery

receiving portion permits the attachment portion to be released from the battery receiving portion,

wherein the battery receiving portion has at least one guide channel and the attachment portion has at least one guide rail, wherein the at least one guide channel in the battery receiving portion interlocks with the at least one guide rail on the attachment portion.

~~41~~ ~~46~~. (New) The power tool of claim ~~45~~, wherein when the push button is not depressed, the second end of the closure member does not protrude from the battery receiving portion.

~~42~~ ~~47~~. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~, wherein a locking finger is located proximate the second end of the closure member.

~~43~~ ~~48~~. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~47~~, wherein the at least one guide rail has a chamfered leading edge to facilitate interlocking.

~~44~~ ~~49~~. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~48~~, wherein the locking finger has a chamfered surface.

~~45~~ ~~50~~. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~, wherein the attachment portion enters in engagement with the battery receiving portion on a rear side of the power tool, the push button is located at a side of the power tool that is not the rear side of the power tool, and the closure member moves transversely with respect to the battery receiving portion.

~~46~~ ~~51~~. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~, wherein the first end of the closure member is wider than the second end of the closure member.

~~47~~ ~~52~~. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~, wherein the closure member is a unitary body.

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53. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~<sup>40</sup>, wherein the battery has an axis of major extension which is substantially parallel to an axis of major extension of a handle of the power tool.

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54. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~<sup>40</sup>, wherein the power tool has an accessory.

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55. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~54~~<sup>49</sup>, wherein the accessory is a driver.

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56. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~55~~<sup>50</sup>, wherein the accessory is a drill bit.

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57. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~<sup>40</sup>, wherein the battery is a rechargeable battery.

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58. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~<sup>40</sup>, wherein the power tool is a cordless power tool.

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59. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~<sup>40</sup>, wherein the battery is one of the group consisting of a 12 volt battery, a 14.4 volt battery, and a 19.2 volt battery.

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60. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~<sup>40</sup>, wherein the power tool is one of the group consisting of a cordless reciprocating saw <sup>and</sup> a cordless circular saw.

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61. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~45~~<sup>40</sup>, wherein the at least one guide channel is generally L-shaped.

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62. (New) The power tool of Claim ~~49~~<sup>44</sup>, wherein the chamfered leading edge of the at least one guide rail is substantially coplanar with the chamfered surface of the locking finger.